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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of ONE month to respond to the Office action dated October 10, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee and any other required fees associated with this communication and during the pendency of the application under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501348.

In response to the Office action dated October 10, please amend as follows: